

TREATMENT PROTOCOL: BITES AND STINGS

1. Basic airway
2. Calm patient and limit activity
3. Oxygen/pulse oximetry
4. Advanced airway prn
5. Cardiac monitor prn: document rhythm and attach ECG strip if dysrhythmia identified
6. Venous access prn
7. If respiratory distress or hypotension, see Ref. No. 1242, Allergic Reaction/Anaphylaxis Treatment Protocol
8. Keep affected extremity below the level of the heart
9. Treat affected area specific to bite/sting:
 - Bee: Remove stinger as quickly as possible.
 - Jelly fish: Rinse site with sterile saline
 - Snake: Immobilize as much as possible
 - Spider/scorpion: Apply cold pack
 - Stingray/sculpin: If possible, remove barb and soak wound in hot water
 - Fire ant/wasp: Apply cold pack